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Dear Garrison,

I wish to have the Liberator sent to me here. Are you not mistaken in the conclusion that Texas is almost as likely to be annexed under Clay as under Polk? You cannot think this unless you suppose that Clay is engaged in a regular attempt to swindle, for certainly he cannot consent to annexation under any possible circumstances during the next four years without fulfilling his promises and making them what you seem to imply that they are, false pretences. You are taking it for granted that he is committing on an enormous scale, a crime which if committed on a small one, would send him to the penitentiary. Now I respectfully submit that

Henry Clay has done nothing during his long life which can justly subject him to this injurious and degrading interpretation.

You have observed no doubt that the "third party" organs seize upon your dictum, and apply it to the furtherance of their narrow, selfish and jesuitical schemes and machinations. That party or rather its originators and "organizers" had from the beginning objects independent of ^{the} antislavery cause; and they have now become incompatible with it.

Will Mr. Williams have the goodness to procure for me a few numbers of the Emancipator or Morning Chronicle containing articles illustrative of this point, that the party have completely changed their tone in respect to the criminality and mischief of annexing Texas, and that they did so when they found, and because they found that the Whigs as a party could oppose and were opposing that abominable

project. I cannot tell what numbers
or dates of Joshua Jescuits precious papers
will enable me to demonstrate this
as I intend to do, to the hearty discontent
of his followers in these parts; but
there was an article published last
Spring which was copied in Burritt's
paper, and there has been a recent
one which I have not been able
to get. It was in the Chronicle, but
I do not know whether it was in
the Emancipator. I should like these
two articles and any others making
light of annexation or
favoring it. Also some
of the latest in which
the measure was

strongly denounced. These will be
invaluable for my purpose. The Liberty
men here will not lend them. But
say nothing about this at present. If
you recollect any facts bearing on
this point please to favor me with
them. I will pay all expenses for
the papers.

Yrs as ever

D S Child

P.S. I want the paper within mentioned
as early as possible. Please send by the
express.

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